ho claim:

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A compound of formula I,

R₅ P₈ P₈ R₈

in which an adjacent pair of R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 , form a chain -COCH-CE-O-, and the remainder of R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 , which may be the same or different, each represent hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl, halogen, alkenyl, alkoxy, or $-NR_1R_2$ in which R_1 and R_2 , which are the same or different, are each hydrogen or alkyl,

Rg is hydrogen, alkyl, allemyl or phenyl-alkyl, and each of Rg, R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_1 and R_2 , when they contain carbon, containing up to 8 carbon atoms,

E is -200H, a 5-tetrazolyl group or an (N-tetrazol-5-yl) carboxanido group,

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and when E is a -COOH group, pharmaceutically acceptable esters and smides thereof.

- 2. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein each of Rg, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ when they centain carbon, contain up to 4 carbon atoms.
- 3. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the COCH-CE-O- chain is bonded in positions R_6 and R_7 , the -O- part of the chain being in position R_7 .
- 4. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ are

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selected from hydrogen, methoxy, propyl, allyl, methyl, sthyl, chlorine, bromine and hydroxy.

- A compound according to Claim 1, wherein E is a-COOH group.
- A compound according to Claim 1 which is
- 4,6-Dioxo-10-propyl-4H,6H-pyrano[3,2-g/]quinoline-2,8dicarboxylic acid.
- 7. A compound according to Claim 1 which is
 - 4,6-Dioxo-1-ethyl-10-propyl-4H,6H-pyrano[3,2-g]quinoline-
- 2,8-dicarboxylic scid,
- S-Ethyl-4,8-dicom-10-propyl-4H,8H-pyramo[2,3-h]quinoline-10
 - 2,6-dicarboxylic acid,
 - 4,10-Dicom-4H,10H-pyrano[2,3-f]quinoline-2,8-dicarboxylic

acid,

10-Brosso-4,6-dioso-AH,6H-pyrano[3,2-g]quinoline-2,8-dicarboxylic

acid. 15

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5-Hydroxy-4,6-diaxo-10-propy1-4H,6H-pyreno[3,2-g]quinoline-

2,8-dicarboxylic acid,

4,9-Dicon-4H,9H-pyrano[2,3-g]quinoline-2,7-dicarboxylic

scid.

4,10-Dioxo-4H,10H-pyrano_2,3-f_quinoline-2,8-di_N-(tetrazol-

-5-y1)]-carboxamide, or

10-Brospo-4,6-dioxo-2,8-di-(tetrazol-5-y1)-4H,6H-pyrano-

[3,2-g]quinoline.

- The ethyl ester of a compound according to Claim 1.
- The sodium salt of a compound according to Claim 1. 25

condition involving an antibody antigen reaction or a reflex pathway comprising a compound according to Claim kin combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or cerrier.

M. A composition according to Claim 10 comprising less than 80% by weight of active ingredient.

M. A composition comprising from 0.01 mg to 50 mg of a compound according to Claimit, as active ingredient, in unit dosage form.

23. A method of treatment of a condition involving an antibody antigen reaction or a reflex pathway, which comprises administering an effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 to an animal suffering or liable to suffer from such a condition.

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